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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

MAYOR ANNOUNCES CITY CRIME DOWN IN SAN DIEGO FOR FIRST HALF OF 2009

Latest Report Shows Improvement in Response Time to Calls

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced that crime in the city of San Diego continues to decline, with the overall crime rate down 16.3 percent in the first six months of this year compared to the same period in 2008.

The crime rate is calculated per 1,000 residents. In total, there were 28.41 crimes per 1,000 residents, compared to 34.21 during the same period last year. The overall crime rate is based on totals for “index crimes” including violent crimes such as murder, robbery and rape and aggravated assault and property crimes such as burglary, larceny and auto theft.

For the first six months of 2009, violent crime decreased by 2.6 percent compared with the same period last year. There were 2,907 violent crimes reported from January through June, compared to 2,985 during the same six month period of 2008.

Robbery, rape and murder were all down; however, the number of reported aggravated assaults increased by 1.7 percent over the same period last year. There were 1,807 assaults reported during the first six months of 2009, compared with 1,777 during the same six months last year.

Property crime was down across all categories for the first half of this year, with an overall decrease of 18.3 percent. There were 16,325 property crimes from January to June, compared to 19,984 reported during the same period last year.

Juvenile crime dropped 15 percent during the first two quarters of 2009. Gang crime increased overall during the first half of 2009, with increases in shootings and stabbings. Gang-related homicides dropped by more than 37 percent, while assault and robbery were down by 18.6 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively. There were 532 crimes attributed to gang members from

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January to June of 2009, compared to 500 during the same period of 2008 – a 6.4 percent increase.

Sanders also announced that emergency response times by the San Diego Police Department continue to improve. Officers reduced their response times for each of the top five priority call categories for the first half of 2009 compared to the same period last year.

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